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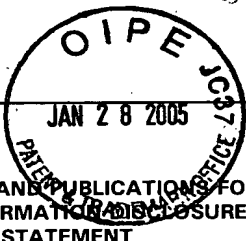
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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					YES	NO
		WO 01/95550	Dec 13, 2001	Holmeide et al		
		WO 95/05039	Feb.16, 1995	Fawcett et al		
		EP 0 986 202	Mar.15, 2000	Eidson		
		EP 0 991 216	Apr. 5, 2000	Eidson		
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**OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

		European Search Report dated December 13, 2004

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